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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Unassigned
TETSUO SAKANAKA) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/838,277)
Filed: April 20, 2001)
For: OPTICAL FREE-SPACE)
COMMUNICATION APPARATUS : July 24, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/175,969	10/21/1998	2633

A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME		CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,594,580	01/14/97	Sakanaka, et al.				
	5,627,669	05/06/97	Orino, et al.				
	5,610,748	03/11/97	Sakanaka, et al.				
	5,500,754	03/19/96	Orino, et al.				
	5,680,241	10/21/97	Sakanaka, et al.				
	5,530,577	06/25/96	Orino, et al.				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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